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**Mayor Dixon Announces Locations for Free HIV Testing in
Conjunction with
National HIV Testing Day Today**

Baltimore, MD (June 27, 2007) – As we observe National HIV Testing Day today, HIV/AIDS continues to affect Baltimoreans more seriously than almost any other state:

- Maryland had a total of 29,818 people living with HIV and AIDS (Cases reported through June 30, 2006).
- Baltimore-Towson had the second highest incident AIDS case report rate of any major metropolitan area, 40.4 cases per 100,000 population during 2005.
- Since HIV reporting began in 1994, Maryland has detected approximately 2,200 new infections per year. On June 30, 2005, there were 16,754 Marylanders living with HIV who have not developed AIDS.

Many new cases are among people who were unaware they had HIV and, therefore, never sought treatment. Additionally, HIV is having a devastating impact in the African-American community.

Mayor Dixon states, “We cannot prevent new infections, stave off a new AIDS case or save a life until an HIV test is done. That is why we are offering free HIV testing at various sites throughout Baltimore today.”

The corner of Lafayette and Penn St.
2pm-7:30pm

Creative Alliance
3134 Eastern Ave
10am-5pm

Eastern Health District Health Fair
620 North Caroline Street
10am-3:00pm

There is routine testing occurring at the Baltimore City Health Department:
Eastern STD Clinic and Family Planning: 620 North Caroline Street
Druid STD Clinic: 1515 W. North Avenue

“When people don't know that they're HIV-positive, they aren't in treatment. Nor will many of them start treatment until they get sick, which significantly lowers their chances of survival” states the City’s Health Commissioner Josh Sharfstein.

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